



PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 05225.0253-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:       | ) |                                |
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| Noriko MINAMINO et al.      | ) | Group Art Unit: 2166           |
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| Application No.: 10/717,707 | ) | Examiner: CHANNAVAJJALA, S. T. |
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| Filed: November 21, 2003    | ) |                                |
|                             | ) | Confirmation No.: 8855         |
| For: HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE | ) |                                |
| DISPLAY APPARATUS AND       | ) |                                |
| METHOD                      | ) |                                |

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 24, 2007, the period for reply to which having been extended through December 24, 2007 by a Petition for Extension of Time of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.